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COMPOUNDS )

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 18, 2009 in the above identified application, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. Applicants, by the undersigned attorney, respectfully petition the Commissioner for Patents under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for filing this Response so that this Amendment and Response will be considered timely filed. A Request for Continued Examination is also being filed herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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